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MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
EC Coordinators, Charter Schools
Special Education Chairpersons, Institutions of Higher Education
Directors, State Operated Programs
Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children
Advocacy Groups

From: Sherry H. Thomas, Director
Exceptional Children Division

Subject: Exceptional Children Distinguished Service Award Nominations

The Exceptional Children Division is currently preparing for the upcoming Exceptional Children March Institute to be held at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC on March 2-4, 2020. As part of this Institute, the Division will honor individuals who are distinguished for their many years of service and statewide impact on improving the education and lives of exceptional children in North Carolina. We will never be able to express our appreciation to all of those who work diligently, and often without adequate recognition for these efforts. However, we do want to take this special opportunity to recognize and honor those North Carolinians who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the education of exceptional children across our state.

An award selection committee will identify persons from those nominated to receive the Distinguished Service Award. These presentations will be made during the Distinguished Service Award luncheon scheduled for March 3, 2020. Persons wishing to nominate individuals for consideration for a Distinguished Service Award must complete the nomination form located at the link below no later than **January 31, 2020**. Only one (1) nomination will be considered from any nominating person or organization. The nomination will only be accepted via the form linked to below.

https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d7qLWvdaOQyExDf

All information should be kept confidential by the nominator. The Exceptional Children Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee will choose the recipients of this distinguished award from all nominations received. Award recipients and their nominators will be notified of the selection by the committee. Staff members currently employed by or on contract with the Department of Public Instruction are not eligible to be considered for nomination.

Thank you for your efforts in helping us identify those distinguished individuals in North Carolina who have made a significant difference statewide in the education of exceptional children. Questions about the nomination process should be directed to Matt Hoskins at (919) 807-4145 or matt.hoskins@dpi.nc.gov.

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Enclosures

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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Exceptional Children Division
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Exceptional Children Division will honor selected North Carolinians who have distinguished themselves statewide in leadership and service to the education of exceptional children. This presentation is part of the awards luncheon planned as part of the Exceptional Children March Institute on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC.

The Exceptional Children Division Distinguished Service Award recipients will be:

- ◆ Invited to attend and bring guest(s) and honored at the awards luncheon;
- ◆ Profiled on the DPI website;
- ◆ Presented a letter of recognition;
- ◆ Presented a commemorative plaque; and
- ◆ Added to the Distinguished Service Award Plaque at the Department of Public Instruction.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The nominee must be a North Carolinian who has demonstrated outstanding service statewide on behalf of exceptional children.

- ◆ The nominees must be distinguished with a prominent reputation and must have made significant contributions to the education of exceptional children in **one or more** of the following areas:
 - ◆ development/implementation of innovative teaching strategies and methods and/or promising programs/strategies at the administrative level;
 - ◆ provision of dynamic leadership;
 - ◆ provision of evaluation services;
 - ◆ fostering productive parent involvement;
 - ◆ facilitation of school to work partnerships;
 - ◆ advancement of educational research, promotion/protection of beneficial legislation;
 - ◆ outstanding public advocacy.
- ◆ Nominees may be professionals, parents, and/or educators.
- ◆ Staff members currently employed by or on contract with the Department of Public Instruction are not eligible to be nominated.
- ◆ No nominations will be considered without the nomination packet.
- ◆ Posthumous nominations are not accepted.
- ◆ Prior recipients are not eligible to be re-nominated

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

1. All nominations must be submitted via the link below. Only one (1) nomination will be considered from any nominating person or organization. To be considered for selection the Nomination Form must be received by **the deadline, January 31, 2020**. All information on the nomination form must be completed.

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2. All information should be kept confidential by the nominator. The Exceptional Children Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee will choose the recipients of this distinguished award from all nominations received. Award recipients and their nominators will be notified of the selection by the committee.
3. The nomination form includes the following required components:
 - The name, LEA/affiliation, role, and email address of the nominating individual
 - The name, LEA/affiliation, role, and email address of the nominee
 - The following will be uploaded into the system:
 - A written summary (in .pdf format) describing the nominee's significant lifelong contributions to the education of exceptional children in **one or more** of the following areas: development/implementation of innovative teaching strategies, methods, and/or promising programs/strategies at the administrative level; provision of dynamic leadership; provision of evaluation services; fostering productive parent involvement; facilitation of school-to-work partnerships; advancement of educational research; promotion/protection of beneficial legislation and outstanding public advocacy.
 - A picture of the nominee
 - Any additional documents that support the individual's nomination

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Exceptional Children Division
Prior Recipients
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2000

Nellie Apsel
Mildred L. Blackburn
Theodore R. Drain
Anne Hyde
Helen Rhyne Marvin
Sally Sloop

James L. Barden
William A. Creech
James Gallagher
Cathy D. Kea
Margaret Meany
Cecelia Steppe-Jones

Gail Bettis
Vivian Dalmas
Bobbie Fulk Grammer
Octavia Knight
Jane Bolton Schulz

2002

Jessie Ruth Angel
E. Lowell Harris
Janet Oakley Sockwell

Sally Jane Dixon
Frank Terry Kemp
Quinton K. Wall

Myrna L. Doernberg
Addison Neal Smith

2004

Alice P. Bartley
Martha E. Downing
Thomas L. Layton
I. Azell Reeves
Richard B. White

Lee M. Beall
Connie K. Hawkins
James F. McKethan
Regina P. Snead

Ann R. Brady
Irene S. Howell
Joy T. Nance
Judy G. Thorne

2006

Glenda M. Adams
Rebecca H. Felton
W. David Mills
David A. Powers
Brenda C. Winston

Ellen H. Bacon
Joseph H. Knight
Lucy F. Milner
Winford L. Rose

Diane M. Browder
David L. Lillie
Samuel R. Patton
Linda M. West

2008

Lee Crisp
Joel Hastings

Barbara Gerhard
Jane Rourk

Brenda Gilchrest
Marsha Trip

2010

Carol Arnold
Diann Irwin

Odell Clanton
Tony Mitchell

Randolph Foy

2012

Joan V. Bond
Beverly P. Crotts
Mattie L. Muwwakkil

Cathy M. Boshamer
Karen Haas

Glenda Callicutt
Mary C. Hutchens

2014

Susan W. Davis
William Trant

Dale J. Metz
Mary N. Watson

Laura H. Snyder
Kathryn Wilson

2016

Kathryn Davis
Stephen Hooper

Samuel Dempsey
James Rich

Carolyn Hammond
Ira Wolfe

2018

Margaret Akingbade
Joan Ferrara
Tracy Riddle

Dr. Patricia Brewer
Mary LaCorte

Augustus B. Elkins II
Dr. Joseph Milner